## I Claim:

- A composition for coating a surface comprising (a) polyethylene oxide and (b) water.
- 2. A composition for coating a surface comprising (a) about 0.1 to 10 weight percent of a water soluble ether and (b) water.
- 3. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising (c) a surfactant.
- 4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide concentration is about 0.01 to 50 weight percent.
- 5. The composition according to claim 3, wherein the surfactant is an anionic surfactant.
- 6. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide is a high molecular weight polyethylene oxide.

- 7. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide is of a density of about 0.5 grams/ml.
- 8. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polyethylene oxide is of a molecular weight in the range of about 100,000 to 8,000,000.
- 9. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising a coloring agent.
- 10. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising a fragrancing agent.
- 11. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising an anti-microbial agent.
- 12. The composition according to claim 1 or claim 2, further comprising an anti-soiling agent.
- 13. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the anti-soiling agent is a detergent.

- 14. The composition according to claim 12, wherein the anti-soiling agent concentration is about 0.01 to 99.9 weight percent.
- 15. The composition according to claim 2, wherein the water soluble ether is one selected from the group comprising (hydroxypropyl cellulose, sodium carboxymethylcellulose, carboxymethyl hydroxyethyl cellulose, and hydroxyethyl cellulose).
- 16. A process of coating a surface comprising the step of: (a) applying the composition of claim 1 or claim 2 to the surface.
- 17. The process of claim 16, further comprising the step of: (b) drying the surface after coating step (a).
- 18. The process according to claim 17, wherein the drying step is conducted at about 1-250 degrees Centigrade.
- 19. The process according to claim 16, further comprising the step of: removing the coating by applying an aqueous solution to the coated surface.

- 20. The process according to claim 19, wherein the aqueous solution is water.
- 21. The process according to claim 20, wherein the solution is at a temperature of about less than 85 degrees Centigrade
- 22. The process according to claim 16 further comprising step of: applying an additional amount of the composition of claim 1 or claim 2 to the surface.
- 23. The process according to claim 16, wherein the surface is inanimate.
- 24. The process according to claim 16, wherein the surface is animate
- 25. The process according to claim 24, wherein the animate surface is human skin.
- 26. An article of manufacture comprising a surface treated with the composition of claim 1 or claim 2.